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Failure of CPWD in maintenance of the parks in Government colonies in Delhi

3082. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CPWD has failed to maintain the parks in Government colonies in Delhi;

(b) how much money has been spent on the maintenance of these parks in each of the last three years; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to inquire into the misuse of funds and to privatise the horticulture activities in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir. Maintenance of parks in Govt. colonies is satisfactory although there is scope for improvement. Maintenance of parks is affected by shortage of unfiltered water supply and use of the parks as play grounds by children.

(b) Amount of Rs. 4.3 crores, Rs. 4.68 crores and Rs. 4.93 crores has been spent on maintenance of these parks in the years 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 respectively.

(c) Misuse of funds has not come to notice. There is no proposal to privatise the horticulture activities in CPWD in Delhi.

Devolution of State resources to the Urban Institutions

3083. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the States where the devolution of State resources to the urban institutions has been made as per the 74th Constitution (Amendment) Act, 1992 on the basis of recommendations made by the Finance Commission;

(b) whether the State Governments intentionally delayed the implementation of the devolution of powers to the urban institutions; and

(c) if so, what steps are contemplated by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) As per information available, many of the State